



NOTRE DAME NEWS

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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Core Value COURAGE

With Christ as our guide, our community stands up for its beliefs by meeting life's challenges with optimism. We are empowered to make choices that reflect the innate goodness of God regardless of consequence.



Scan to view our mobile microsite.

The Privilege that we have to adore Him every day is one of His greatest gifts.

If you have a clean heart, you will be able to see that wonderful connection between the Bread of Life and the broken body of Christ in the poor.

Mother Teresa

Dear Parents and Staff

I trust everyone has had an enjoyable break from the routine of school over the past two weeks. Whilst the weather wasn't the best there appear to have been many exciting activities that the children participated in that kept them interested and occupied. They all appear to have returned well-rested and ready to tackle the educational adventure that lies ahead for the remainder of the year.

The staff returned to school on Monday and worked on Robotics and the new Technologies Curriculum. They were exciting days that have provided us with many ideas about how we will introduce Design and Technologies and Digital Technologies into our lessons. Many staff have already implemented some of the things that we learnt and have been amazed by the level of competence and understanding shown by the children. They are so much more intuitive than we are and embrace the activities so much more easily than we do. Technology is not the future for our children, it is their present, and we must take every opportunity to expose children to this world in a safe, supportive, challenging manner. It was very pleasing to hear from our presenter on Tuesday, Steven Payne, that our school is well-advanced in this area and ahead of most schools across Australia.

The Robots component of our two days was to assist us in understanding how these could be used to develop the Technologies Curriculum. Whilst an important tool that certainly will engage the children, the Robots are just that, a tool that assists us in developing the children's understanding. The real skill is in the teacher's ability to use these "tools" to develop the children's computational thinking skills.

Our school's P&F has recently purchased a range of Robots that will be used across all levels at school. We are very appreciative of their support (approximately \$8000) with this purchase and for the many ways that they continue to support our school.



WEEKLY EVENTS

FRIDAY 21 JULY

Performing Arts Opening Mass

MONDAY 24 JULY

Free Family Resilience seminar for Parents @7pm

TUESDAY 25 JULY

P&F Meeting @ 6.30pm

FRIDAY 28 JULY

Interschool Cross Country @ Tomato Lake

UPCOMING EVENTS

TUESDAY 1 AUGUST

ICAS Test English
Drumbeat Quest in-service
Yr 4-6
Board Meeting @ 6.00pm

WEDNESDAY 2 AUGUST

Whole School Mass
Led by Yr 5M

THE CHALLENGE!

I am a passionate Carlton supporter. Most of our children and staff are either Eagles or Dockers supporters. I am prepared to dress in Eagles and Dockers colours and have my face painted when:

- Every class and the staff have made up a trail of A4 sized footprints with the names of age-appropriate books that they have read (or had read to them for Kindy/Pre-Primary) that stretches from their classroom to my office.
- Every child and staff member must have read **at least one book**. Reading only one book each, however, will not get anywhere near reaching my office but I'm sure we have many voracious readers who would love to see me wearing blue, gold, purple and white.
- The challenge must be completed during this Term.
- If and when children and staff reach my office everyone will be invited to wear outfits or colours of their favourite sporting teams on my special "dress up" day.

Obviously, many of the children are very keen to see what I look like adorned in blue, gold, purple and white and have read a number of books over the holidays and the footprint trails have already begun. So, keep up the reading and I'll start checking out the dreaded colours.

STAFFING

- During the school holidays, Ms Julie Carlton, Year 2M Teacher had a shoulder reconstruction. All appears to have gone well and Julie is recovering slowly. We look forward to her return in four to five weeks' time. During Julie's absence Mrs Emily McLure will be teaching the class. Emily is an excellent teacher who will support Julie's programmes of work during her absence.
- After six months away from Notre Dame and the birth of her twin grandchildren, Mrs Gail Langoulant has returned to her Education assistant role in Kindergarten.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN

This programme will commence next Wednesday in all Woolworths stores. Whilst we do not promote any particular business over others, this is an opportunity for us to receive some school resources "free" of charge from Modern Teaching Aids. So, if you are shopping at Woolworths we would appreciate you collecting the stickers for each \$10 spent and bringing them into school so that we may collate them.

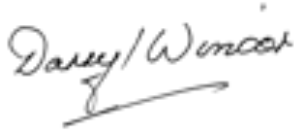
GARDENING CLUB OF NOTRE DAME 2017

Our school garden will be revived and reinvigorated at Notre Dame this semester!

We will use the existing garden beds located behind the hall to recreate sustainable, healthy and edible gardens. Our gardens will enable children to discover the connectedness of lifecycles of plants and ourselves; and the fact that food scraps can go back into the earth to feed new plant growth. Children will learn that fresh food tastes great and that hard work and patience achieves results.

Children from Year One to Year Six who are interested and committed to being a part of the school gardening club are invited to meet Mrs Achmad and Br Stephen on Monday 24 July at lunchtime outside the hall. A club will be established that will meet during lunch times to plan, create, plant and maintain the gardens.

Parents who have access to garden tools and equipment and are willing to donate them, please contact the school. We look forward to working with the children to create a garden that is fully sustainable and an asset to the Notre Dame community.



Darryl Winsor
Principal

HOMEWORK CLUB

Homework Club commences in Week 3 and ends in Week 9 this term. The club runs from 3.10pm to 4.00pm. Parents, could you please pickup the children promptly at 4.00pm.

CANTEEN NEWS

I am once again asking for any assistance that parents can spare even if it only for 10 mins, every little bit helps.

If you are able to volunteer on Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays please come and see me at the canteen, your help is appreciated.

Next week's roster

Monday 24 July:	Nola Horne
Wednesday 26 July:	Amanda Millington
Friday 28 July:	Dorina Horton

Friday 21 July Soup Variety

MEXICAN SWEET POTATO

Ingredients:

oil, onions, garlic, cumin, cinnamon, sweet potatoes, GF chicken stock, reduced fat milk and chickpeas

Hope to see you at the canteen.

Kayleen McLean
Canteen Coordinator

LOOSE PARTS PLAY!

Children are amazingly creative and will be able to use the most ordinary of objects in a fun and enjoyable way and will adapt them as they please.

As part of our commitment to improving playtime for the children we would like to add a supply of a variety of 'loose parts' into our playground.

We have purchased three children sized green bins that are positioned under the Year Three stairwell for donations to be placed in for the Year 1-3 classes to play with.

It would be wonderful if you could work alongside your child to donate any unwanted items from the list below. Please pass any items to the staff in Years 1, 2 or 3.

Loose parts suggestions



Old blankets/rugs/sheets

Buckets

Binoculars

Cardboard boxes

Camping mats

Crates

Cushions

Hammocks

Netting

Old kitchen items such as

old pots and pans,

spoons, baking tins, jugs,

bowls, rolling pins,

whisks, sieves

Old bicycle wheels

Old CD's

Old clothing, hats and

scarves

Old fancy dress costumes

Old helmets

Old computer

screens and

keyboards

Old goggles

Old musical

equipment

Old tennis/

badminton rackets

Old tents

Old wellies/boots

Piping

Plastic garden pots

Ribbon

Ropes

Sticks

String

Tarpaulin

Old Telephones

Traffic cones

Watering cans

Thank you for your help with this

Mrs Tiffany Donovan-Flintoff

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop's opening times:

Monday 1.30pm to 3.30pm

Wednesday 8.00am to 10.00am,

Danielle Lawrie
Uniform Coordinator

P & F NEWS

This will be the P&F's major fundraiser for the year. Please consider how you can support this event with donations of auction and raffle prizes. Funds raised will go towards an upgrade of our library including books, furniture and equipment.

COMING SOON TO NOTRE DAME BOGAN BINGO 2 SEPTEMBER 2017

Many thanks and kind regards,
Julie-Anne Beasley
Chair
NDCPS P&F

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

THE ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS HAVE ARRIVED!!!

The P&F are selling Entertainment Books. Every book purchased raises \$14.00 for our school.

A display book is available in the office for you to view all of the great offers.

To purchase a book or a digital membership please return your order form and money to the office or complete your order online at <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/86014g>.

If you need assistance with your order please contact Liz Dwyer on 0405 774455 or email edwyer4@gmail.com.

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HEALTHY EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT
& WHY BUILDING RESILIENCE IS IMPORTANT

NOTRE DAME CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

MONDAY, 24TH JULY, 2017

7.00PM - 8.00PM

SPOTS ARE LIMITED. RSVP ESSENTIAL.

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE
VIA EVENTBRITE OR
WWW.RESILIENCEKIT.COM.AU



Are YOU a Former Student or Staff Member?

Are you a former student or staff of St Joachim's, Xavier College, Our Lady Help of Christians, Our Lady of Mercy or Ursula Frayne Catholic College? We are looking for you to join the newly formed Alumni. Let us help you reconnect with your old school and friends. Go to our website www.ursulafrayne.wa.edu.au and complete the registration form (under Community) or contact Mary McGonigle on 9470 0925 or alumni@ufcc.wa.edu.au to have a form sent to you. In 2019, we celebrate 120 years since our foundation school was opened and we would like to have as many former students and staff join us in celebration.

